Plan and sanctioned allocation for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 35 lakhs. The proposed allocation for 1991-92 is Rs. 75 lakhs.

(ix) A system of rewards has been introduced to get intelligence about poachers.

(x) A bill has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha to make Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 more stringent and effective. It includes proposals for enhancing penalties to be awarded to poachers.

India's moves on ending Gulf War

378. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what moves, if any, were made by Government to help resolve the issues after the Gulf War broke out between Iraq and US-allies; and

(b) what was the response of the two parties and the U.N. and other international agencies thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been trying to seek a peaceful resolution of the Gulf crisis It has issued several appeals to the parties concerned to bring the war to an end and restore peace in the Gulf region. It has also taken initiatives in the Security Council and in the Non-aligned Movement for achieving this purpose and has been in touch with the parties to the conflict, members of the Security Council and Chairman of the Non-aligned Movement. Usfortunately, in spite of our efforts and those of other countries, it has not been possible to restore peace in the Gulf region. And the war is not only continuing but has been intensified with the commencement of full-scale ground war.

Bridge over Mahanadi in Phulbani, Orissa

379. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to construct a bridge known as Band-Kiakata over the river Mahanadi in Phulbani district, Orissa with Central Road Fund was under the consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for which fund has not been santioned for that project so far;

(c) whether priority would be accorded for the project in 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval and it is too early to say whethr priority would be acorded to this project in 1991-92.

Bilateral ties with China

380. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken steps to improve bilateral ties with China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to resume border trade between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The visit of the then Minister of External affairs to China in early February 1991 resulted in enhanced understanding between India and China on various matters of mutuals concern in the bilateral, regional and international spheres. It was decided to restore Consulates